

## Senate Resolution 143

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th, Buckner of the 44th, Sims of the 12th, Stoner of the 6th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Monica Pearson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Monica Pearson has dedicated over 30 years to the State of Georgia and  
3 its citizens through her outstanding journalism and community service; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pearson began her love affair with television viewers in 1975 when she  
5 became the charismatic and charming anchor of Atlanta's WSB-TV newscast; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Louisville, Mrs. Pearson has won 28 local and  
7 regional Emmy awards during her time with WSB-TV and was honored with the  
8 Distinguished Service to Broadcasting Award from the DiGamma Kappa Honorary Society  
9 at the University of Georgia in 1989; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pearson's stellar journalism skills and driven personality have made for  
11 a remarkable career with great stories, such as an investigative piece uncovering the Georgia  
12 High School Association's 87 year history of male only executive committees and the lack  
13 of a state-wide competition for girl's soccer and cheerleading; and
- 14 WHEREAS, her riveting work on *Prejudice and Hate: Georgians and the Holocaust* earned  
15 Mrs. Pearson a Humanitarian Award in 1977; and
- 16 WHEREAS, even after her marriage in 2005 to retired DeKalb County Assistant Police Chief  
17 John Pearson resulted in the change of her familiar and iconic last name from Kauffman to  
18 Pearson, her loyal fans continued to tune in; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pearson's passion extends to her work as a community activist, with active  
20 involvement in numerous philanthropic and charitable organizations throughout the years,  
21 including the Butler Street YMCA, Literacy Action, the Girl Scouts of Northwest Georgia,  
22 Exodus, and the American Cancer Society; and

23 WHEREAS, this native of Louisville, Kentucky, has made Atlanta her home, using her  
24 power and influence to make a difference in the community, and she was recognized as  
25 *Atlanta Woman's* 2009 Power Woman of the Year; and

26 WHEREAS, holding great passion for the city of Atlanta and its citizens, Mrs. Pearson is a  
27 devoted volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program and generously gives of her time with  
28 visits to local elementary schools to read to students; and

29 WHEREAS, a woman with great civic zest, Mrs. Pearson is a most beloved and respected  
30 leader in the Atlanta community, and her humanity and altruism is worthy of recognition.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend Mrs. Monica Pearson for her incredible career in journalism and extend heartfelt  
33 appreciation for her contributions to her community and the State of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Monica Pearson.